THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (g) As law and order is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the conerned State/UT Governments to make foolproof security arrangements for Chief Minister or former Chief Minister in order to prevent attacks by terrorist/militant groups on them. However, the threat inputs being received from Central security agencies are being regularly shared with the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate action in this regard. Issues concerning VIP security are considered in all major meetings on internal security.

Special status to Bihar to deal with naxalism

964. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Patna High Court has asked the Central Government to accord special status to the Government of Bihar to deal with the Naxalite problem in the State; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been no such direction to the Central Government by the Patna High Court.

(b) Does not arise.

Security of women in metro cities

965. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of cases of molestation, rape and gang rape were reported in metros during last week of the year 2005 despite measures being taken to prevent the same;

(b) if so, the details of such cases;

(c) whether all the culprits involved have been brought to book;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and